REMARKS

Applicants elect claims 1-15 (Species I) for examination. Claims 16-26 (Species II), 27 (Species III), 28-29 (Species IV), 30-39 (Species V), 40-50 (Species VI), 51 (Species VII), 52-57 (Species VIII), 58-59 (Species IX) are withdrawn from consideration, without prejudice to their patentability, and expressly reserves the right to include these claims upon allowance of a generic claim.

According to MPEP §809.02(c), an Examiner's action subsequent to an election of species should include a complete action on the merits of all claims readable on the elected species and according to MPEP §809.02(e), whenever a generic claim is found to be allowable in substance, action on the species claims shall thereupon be given as if the generic claim were allowable. Thus, if it is determined that the elected species is patentable, it is incumbent upon the Office to search additional species that fall within any allowable generic claims.

Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application directed to the subject matter of the non-elected claims.

Applicants respectfully request examination and allowance of the elected claims.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or overpayment of any required fee during the entire pendency of this application to Deposit Account No. 07-0846.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank R. Agovino, Reg. No. 27,416
SENNIGER POWERS
One Metropolitan Square, 16th Floor
St. Louis, Missouri 63102
(314) 231-5400

ROE/FRA/jmd